

Campbell County Democratic Party

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Newsletter

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Hello Campbell County Democrats.

This newsletter will be electronically sent to all Democrats.

To publish news, fundraiser information or to suggest something of interest with fellow Democrats please forward to dianadarnell@zoomtown.com by the 25th of the month.

News

Great News for Campbell County Democrats!

Thanks to a very generous benefactor, we will open a **Campbell County Democratic Headquarters at 644 Monmouth Street** in Newport (across from Fifth Third Bank) next month! Yes, this is perfect timing as we head into the fall election season. The HQ will send a strong message throughout the community that Campbell County Democrats are here to stay, creating a powerful visual presence and a physical hub for our activities. Details on our work-a-day to get the office ready for the grand opening are forthcoming. In the meantime, we are in need of a good PC, printer and basic office furniture. Contact Sue Orth at orth@insightbb.com or 859-781-3771. We all are very excited and can't wait to get to work helping our local and state candidates push through to November and win.

Gearing up for November

Plans are taking shape for fall races and our campaign for the Democratic ticket, from Jack Conway to candidates on the countywide ballot. Here's what we know now:

- The Kentucky Democratic Party will open a coordinated NKY office sometime around mid-August that we will strongly support.

- Campbell County plans a supplementary campaign to support state and local candidates. Full details will be available soon.
- Here's what you can do now:
- Sign up to volunteer for and contribute to specific campaigns:

<http://jackconway.org>

<http://www.johnwaltzforcongress.com>

<http://www.denniskeene.com/>

<http://www.electjulie.com/>

Contact Sue Orth at orth@insightbb.com or Linda Nesbitt at lnesbitt@insightbb.com and let us know what you will do for the Campbell County campaign.

Message from Daniel Logsdon, Kentucky Democratic Party Chair

Recently, the Kentucky Democratic Party announced the leaders of its coordinated campaign: Democratic Coordinated Campaign Director - Sherman A. Brown; Democratic Coordinated Campaign Political Director - Dick Prelopski, who most recently served as Lieutenant Governor Daniel Mongiardo's Campaign Manager; and Democratic Coordinated Campaign Field Director: Dan Hardcastle.

I am excited that we have such a talented group in place as Democrats across the state stand united, moving forward to the General Election. I am confident that the efforts we are making here at KDP HQ, combined with our outstanding candidates on ballots across the state, will lead Democrats to victory this November.

We are united in an effort to elect Democrats up and down the ticket and make sure that Jack Conway is the state's next Senator. Jack who will stand up for Kentucky by creating jobs, cutting the deficit and restoring accountability to Wall Street and Washington.

Republicans Block Passage of Disclose Act.

Recently, 40 Republican senators blocked the passage of legislation that would counteract the growing influence of corporations in the wake of the *Citizens United* Supreme Court decision.

The DISCLOSE Act would have helped shed light on the hundreds of millions of dollars corporations and special interests plan to spend to influence our elections this fall -- and would have helped ordinary Americans to make their voices more clearly heard in campaigns across the country.

Republicans believe that killing the bill and strengthening corporate power gives

them a tactical edge, allowing right-wing groups to raise more money than ever to help their candidates win.

Despite the fact that 80 percent of Americans disagreed with the *Citizens United* decision -- which eliminated limits on corporate spending in political campaigns -- obstructionist Republicans have sided with the special interests yet again. Republicans believe the support of the big corporations and the special interests is all they need, but we have a different approach. But that doesn't mean we can't hold them accountable for it.

The obstruction of bills like DISCLOSE affects every voter in the country -- and we're all in this together. We need your help on the ground now, helping to make the case to friends and neighbors about the importance of their vote in November's elections. Please sign up to volunteer today:

<http://my.democrats.org/DISCLOSEVolunteer>

Unemployment Benefits Extended

The Senate passed the bill to extend unemployment benefits through November 30th, making the extension retroactive to June 2nd when the last extension expired. Because it was amended by the Senate, it was sent back to the House for final approval. Mitch McConnell and Jim Bunning voted against the bill to help our unemployed workers. President Obama signed the bill the very same day for it to become effective immediately.

Campaign Updates and Fundraisers

Block these dates on your calendar for the final push and GOTV, "Get out the Vote" October 25th and November 1st.

State Senate candidate Julie Smith-Morrow will have a fundraiser featuring Senators from the Democratic Senate Caucus on Thursday, August 26th at 635 Overton Street, Newport from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Julie also needs volunteers to make calls for yard signs and volunteers to walk beginning after Labor Day. Visit www.electjulie.com to sign up.

Events

The Campbell County Democratic Woman's Club will hold their annual 19th Amendment Celebration on Wednesday, August 18th at the Wilder City building at 6:00p.m. The club will feature all local and some state candidates for office. Come hear what they have to say, meet them and ask them questions

that you may have. This year is the 90th anniversary of women's right to vote and they want to make it a celebration of merriment for all. For reservations or information call 859-322-1333 or email to dianadarnell@zoomtown.com by August 12th.

The Campbell County Democratic Party will have a booth at the Alexandria Fair again this year. We need walkers for the parade and volunteers to work the booth. Come on, bring your family and friends and have fun walking in the parade or meeting other Democrats by working a few hours in the booth. Contact Sue Orth at orth@insightbb.com or call 859-781-3771.

The Campbell County Democratic Men's Club will have their annual Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, September 30th. More information will follow in the September newsletter.

Congratulations

To Tom Guidugli, Jr. for his nomination to Leadership Cincinnati 34 Class sponsored by Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber. Tommy is a member of the Cincinnati Stage Employees IATSE Local 5.

Meetings

Campbell County Democratic Executive Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Southgate Community Building at 7:00 p.m. At the June 23rd meeting the public is invited to attend and encouraged to ask questions. For information call 859-781-3771 or orth@insightbb.com.

Campbell County Democratic Woman's Club meets the first Thursday of the month at different locations in the county. Location for Thursday, August 5th will be Barleycorns in Cold Spring at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be State Senate candidate Julie Smith-Morrow. For information call 859-322-1333 or dianadarnell@zoomtown.com.

Campbell County Men's Club meets the 3rd Monday of the month at different locations in the county. Their August meeting will be announced shortly, it will start at 7:30 p.m. For information email to gchinn2@yahoo.com.

Change for Campbell County meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at Perkins, Highland Heights at 7:00 p.m. For information call 859-750-4439 or lnesbitt@insightbb.com.

Women's Network of Northern Kentucky meets the second Saturday of the month, alternating between the Syndicate in Newport and Chez Nora in Covington. Meetings start at 11:30 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for September. For information call 859-441-0825 or lklembara@fuse.net